

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Marian Jesse Powell was born in Jerauld County, South Dakota, on July 31, 1923, one of George and Madge Powell's three children; and,

Whereas, Marian grew up in Wessington Springs, graduated from Wessington Springs High School, briefly held a temporary teaching position at an area country school, later completed training at Nettleton College, and worked for the U.S. Treasury Department in Washington, D.C., prior to her return to South Dakota when she went to work for the International Harvester Company; and,

Whereas, A chance meeting at a dance in Sioux Falls between Marian and Arnold William Nelson led to a courtship, engagement, and eventual marriage on June 1, 1948, at the Templeton Church in rural Wessington Springs; and,

Whereas, Marian and Arn farmed near Garretson until 1956, and near Erwin until 1977, where they gave life and love to their five children, Arnold William "Bill", Adele "Wynn", Annelle "Wanda", Arden Wayne, and Arleen Wendy, who further blessed their lives with 14 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren; and,

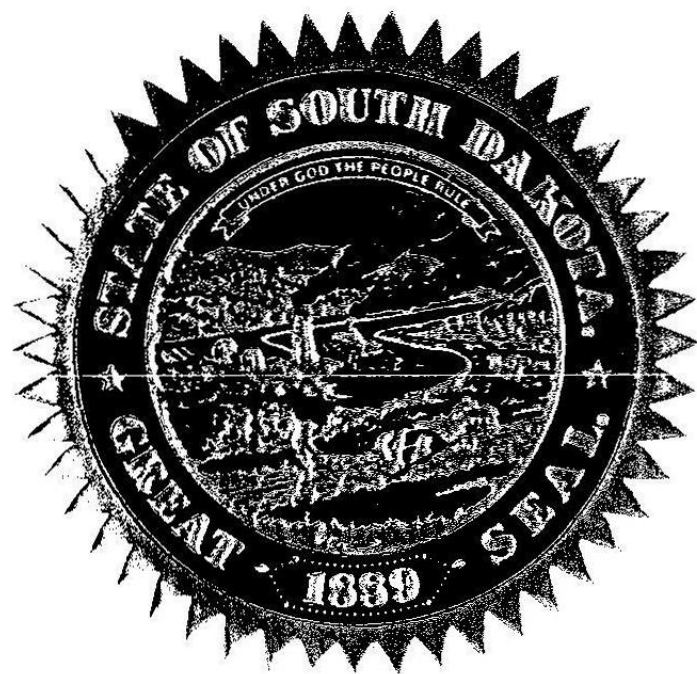
Whereas, Following the loss of Arn in 1977, Marian continued to live on the farm until her move to Huron in the early 1980s where she was actively involved at the local senior center, and in 1997, Marian moved to Lake Preston where she currently resides and continues to enjoy reading, Bible study, gardening, and genealogy; and,

Whereas, Marian will observe her 85th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather on Sunday, July 27, 2008, at Wessington Springs, South Dakota, to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 31, 2008, as

MARIAN NELSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State